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*"He who showeth his neighbor
how to better existing condi-
tions is a public benefactor."*

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Preface

Coming from Nebraska recently, my son said to me, "Father, you should write a book on farming, for you have given me lessons in farming, and I raise double the amount of oats and corn the farmers do in Illinois, and my land is no better than my neighbors'. If you can write a book and show the farmers how they can improve their systems of farming, you will be a great public benefactor, and increase the value of farm land in Illinois by teaching how to make the land better instead of poorer every year."

Having lived on a farm for twelve years—from the time I was fourteen years old to the twenty-sixth year of my life—having plowed, mowed, cradeled, and done every kind of work connected with a farm, and

having owned and operated farms practically all my life, I feel that this experience gives me some knowledge of farming, and enables me to present some practical ideas to those who may be interested in my conclusions. I notice that the rich farmers are the men who have systems and keep their land in a high state of cultivation. The farmer with no system, and land worn out, is the poor farmer.

SAMUEL W. ALLERTON.

Chicago, Nov. 17, 1906.

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I FEEL it is the duty of every man who has had any experience in cultivating soil to give publicity to his efforts and progress along this line, and thus add to the success of the American farmer.

It is a well-established fact that Illinois, as a corn State, is the richest body of corn land in the United States. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Missouri constitute the corn belt. All are great States, and naturally very rich, productive land. We see that the great State of Illinois averages only about thirty-three bushels to the acre in a good corn year. What does this indicate? That the land has not been properly cultivated and kept in a suitable condition to raise large crops of corn.